

Notices to Consignees.

"LODGE" FROM CALCUTTA.
CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, July 6, 1868. July 13

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of F (B in diamond) M 000/079, 20 Bales Merchandise, per "PARETHERO," shipped by Messrs A. DURANTY & Co. of Liverpool, are hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, July 2, 1868.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Company's Steamship "HULL," are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their Goods before the 1st of July next, or they will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.
G. BERTHARDT, Principal Agent.
Hongkong, June 27, 1868.

BRITISH BARQUE "PARETHERO,"
Capt. KING, FROM LIVERPOOL.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, June 13, 1868.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
G. LANGDON DAVIES.
2 Club Chambers.
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself from this date as Shipbroker and General Storekeeper under the Firm and Style of
L. FRICKEL & Co.
at the Premises, lately occupied by Messrs DE SILVA & Co., Queen's Road Central.
JOSEPH FRICKEL.
Hongkong, July 1, 1868. Aug 1

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr. CLAUD BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FERDINAND NISSEN in our Firm ceased on the 30th April last.
The Business will in future be conducted under the Style and Firm of
ROBERTSON & Co.
in which Mr. FERDINAND NISSEN has been admitted a Partner.
NISSEN & ROBERTSON.
Ningpo, May 9, 1868. 10ag

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our Firm ceased on the 1st January, 1868.
ROSMAN & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

I HAVE this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT & Co.
(Sd) W. C. VAN OORDT.
Yokohama, October 24, 1867. 11

NOTICE.
MR RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself at this Port as a Public Ten Inspector and General Commission Agent under the Style or Firm of JOHN ODELL.
JOHN ODELL.
Fochow, April 13, 1868. 16jul

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. G. SAMPSON will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this Port.
H. J. DRING, Marine Surveyor.
Fochow, August 1, 1867. 11

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DRING, Esq., at Fochow will be conducted by the Underigned.
J. C. SAUNDERS, Chop Min, Fagoda Anchorage, Fochow.
Fochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR BENJAMIN ROBERTSTANFORD was admitted a Partner in our Firm on 1st January, 1868.
J. McDONALD & Co., Shipwrights.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868. 1ag

NOTICE.
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS, Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FRANCIS PARRY and Mr. THOMAS SMITH in our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1867, from which date the Partners are Mr. CHARLES WILSON MURRAY, Mr. ARTHUR SMITH and Mr. THOMAS PYLE.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, June 19, 1868. 16sep

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration, at Fochow from this date.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE connection of the Underigned with the Firm of Messrs THOS. HUNT & Co. ceases from this date.
J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this Port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD PARKER & Co.
GIFFORD PARKER PARKER.
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR FERDINAND NISSEN and Mr. HENRIK M. HOPPE have been authorized to sign our Firm here and in China from this date.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868. 19ag

NOTICE.
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 15, 1868.

MR. R. A. H. TOLLUS GUCKENKAMP, being from this date interested in our Firm, will sign the same per procuration.
REYNOLDS BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868. 1sep

NOTICE.
THE Partnership between the Underigned, and Mr. AUGUST WIETERS, Mr. ROBERT CARLTON DONALDSON MOPFAT, and Mr. FRANK BOHNTHARDER, lately carrying on Business in London and China under the Firm of TRAUTMANN & Co., has been dissolved from the 1st Instant by lapse of time.
J. F. H. TRAUTMANN.
Shanghai, June 16, 1868. July 22

NOTICE.
THE Underigned will continue to carry on the Business of their late Firm, at Shanghai and Tientsin, under the same Style of TRAUTMANN & Co.
J. F. H. TRAUTMANN.
R. C. D. MOPFAT.
Shanghai, June 16, 1868. July 22

Houses and Lands.

TO LET.
THE whole of the Second Floor now occupied by the Underigned, situated at Peddar's Wharf, comprising Dining Room and Pantry with fifteen Bed Rooms.
Also.
One half of the First Floor suitable for Office.
THOS. HUNT & Co.
Hongkong, May 13, 1868. 11

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.
THE Underigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise, in their own Boats, and to receive the same on STORAGE in First-class Granite godowns, on Moderate Terms.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1866.

TO LET.
THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs EMMENHOFF & SANDERS.
For particulars, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1866.

NOTICE.
TWO HOUSES TO BE LET.
RECENTLY put in thorough Repair, situated on the Kias of THE HILL, Westward, and an easy distance from the Queen's Road.
Apply to
MR. BARRINGTON.
Wynham Street.
Hongkong, May 13, 1868.

FIRST Rate ROOMS for Offices or Dwelling HOUSES for Families in the Queen's Road, No. 12, with new Verandah. The whole in a thorough state of repair.
Apply to
Messrs Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Gunmakers.
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

TO LET.
THE BUSINESS PREMISES, formerly occupied by Messrs ARNOLD, KARL & Co., consisting of Dwelling House, Offices, and spacious Godowns.
Possession to be had on the 1st March.
Apply to
JOHN BURD & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

TO LET.
A HOUSE in Spring Gardens, containing four Rooms and Out Houses; Rent, \$28 per month.
Apply at the Victoria Foundry.
Hongkong, March 12, 1868.

TO BE LET.
TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 63.
Apply to
GAVIN THOMPSON, at Gibb, Livingstone & Co.'s.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. 11

TO LET.
A COMMODIOUS HOUSES, situated in Morrison Hill, commanding a thorough view of the Harbour, with Stables, &c.
Apply to
THOMAS WALLACE, East Point Godown.
Hongkong, June 6, 1868.

TO BE LET.
Furnished or Unfurnished.
THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at present occupied by Mr. N. R. MARSON. Occupation can be had in a few weeks. Application can be made to Mr. MARSON at the Albany.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, September 25, 1867.

Houses and Lands.

TO LET.
THE OFFICES situated in Queen's Road, formerly occupied by Messrs LYALL STELL & Co.
Apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
East Point, June 16, 1868. 15sep

STORAGE FOR OPIUM.
THE Underigned is prepared to STORE Opium in a first class Granite Godown on premises situated on Praya Central.
CHARLES KINGTON, 3, Stanley Street.
Hongkong, June 6, 1868.

TO LET.
FOUR Large ROOMS on Second Floor above the Office of the Underigned, 44, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs C. HOOK & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January, 1868.
For Terms, &c., apply to
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

TO LET.
THE Large Matted No. 3, at Pokfulam, containing five rooms with out-houses and Stables attached. Water laid.
For particulars, apply to
H. PESTONJEE SETNA, at Messrs P. A. C. CAMARER & Co.'s Office.
Hongkong, June 2, 1868.

DOCKS.
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
CAPITAL—\$750,000.
IN 1,500 SHARES, OF \$500 EACH.

THE COMPANY'S DOCKS at ABERDEEN and WHAMPOA are in full working order, and the attention of Shipowners is respectfully solicited to the advantages which these Establishments offer for the Docking and Repair of Vessels.
The following description of the Premises is submitted for the information of the Public.

ABERDEEN DOCK.
DOCK No. 1.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 330 feet.
Breadth, 80 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18 "
do. Neap Tides, 15 "

NEW DOCK, No. 2.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 400 feet.
Breadth, 90 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 24 "
do. Neap Tides, 21 "
This Dock is now under course of construction.

WHAMPOA DOCKS.
DOCK A.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 550 feet.
Breadth, 80 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 14 1/2 ft.
do. Neap Tides, 13 1/2 ft.
This can be used either as one or two Docks.

DOCK B.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 340 feet.
Breadth, 60 "
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18 "
do. Neap Tides, 15 "

DOCK C.
Built of Wood.
Length, 200 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 14 "
do. Neap Tides, 11 "
Fitted with Galleons and Steam Pumps.

DOCK D.
Length, 164 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 12 1/2 ft.
do. Neap Tides, 9 1/2 ft.

DOCK E.
Length, 120 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 11 "
do. Neap Tides, 8 "
D and E are Mud Docks available for small vessels, at very low rates.

WORKSHOPS.
The Workshops on the Premises, both at Aberdeen and Whampoa, possess every appliance necessary for the Repair of Ships or Steam Machinery. The Engineer's Shops are supplied with Lathe, Planing, Screwing, Cutting, Punching Machines, &c., &c., capable of executing work on the largest scale, and Blacksmith's Shops are equally well supplied with plant, and the work is entirely carried on under the Supervision of experienced Europeans.

POWERFUL Lifting Shears stand on a Jetty alongside where vessels can lie in 24 feet water and take in or out boilers, masts, &c.

BOILERMAKERS' DEPARTMENT.
The Company in addition to executing Repairs are prepared to tender for supplying new Boilers to Steamships for constructing which they have great facilities.

FOUNDRY.
Iron and Brass Castings, either for Ships or general purposes, executed with the utmost despatch.

STORES.
The Company's Stores will (when required) supply at moderate rates all the necessities for Shipwork, such as Paint, Copper, Canvas, &c., &c.

STEAM TUG.
The Company's powerful Steam Tug, named (100 Horse-power nominal) is always in readiness to Tow Sailing Vessels from Hongkong to the Dock free of charge, and will take them back or to Sea at reduced Rates.

For further particulars, apply at the Office of the Company, at Aquilar Street, Hongkong.

JOHN S. LAPRAIK, Secretary.

N. B.—The Consignees of Master of any Vessel seeking reason to complain of the work done in the Docks, or in any way respecting the Dock arrangements, would address the Secretary on the subject—when their complaints will receive the immediate attention of the Directors of the Company.
Hongkong, October 18, 1866.

Insurances.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.
(Established 1st January, 1863.)
CAPITAL, Tls. 1,500,000, IN 1,500 SHARES, FOR Tls. 1,000 EACH.
Paid up Capital, Telsa 500,000, or Taela 200 per Share.

Provisional Committee.
W. J. BRYANS, Esq., Chairman.
(Messrs TURNER & Co.)
F. H. DEER, Esq.
(Messrs W. E. ADAMSON & Co.)
A. MICHEL, Esq.
(Messrs CHAPMAN, KING & Co.)
R. H. LAYERS, Esq.
(Messrs GILMAN & Co.)
F. PORTER, Esq.
(Messrs GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.)

A General meeting held on Tuesday, the 13th day of May, 1868, the following Resolutions were passed, relative to the continuance of the Company for a further period of three years from the 1st January, 1869; and Notice is hereby given that applications for Shares in the annexed Form, will be received at the Office of the Company until 31st October, 1868.

Applications for Shares from Persons not resident in Shanghai, must be accompanied by a Power of Attorney to their Agents to sign the Deed of Settlement on their behalf and generally to represent them in all matters connected with the Company.

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of 18th November, 1867, a separate Office of the Company will be opened in London, on 1st January, 1869. By order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN S. MACKINTOSH, Secretary.

Shanghai, May 15, 1868.

Form of Application for Shares.

No. To the Provisional Committee of the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, GENTLEMEN,

I hereby request that you will allot to me Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares, or any less number you may allot to me; and agree to pay the first call of Tls. 200 per Share, and all subsequent calls, and to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant

Resolutions referred to above.

RES. I.—That a Company to be called the "North-China Insurance Company" shall be formed for a further period of three years, from 1st January, 1869 to 31st Dec, 1871.

RES. II.—That the Directors for the time being of the present Company be appointed to act as a Provisional Committee to organize the new Company.

RES. III.—That this meeting recommends that the Provisional Committee should adopt as the basis of the new Company that the capital should be 1,500,000 in 1,500 Shares of Tls. 1,000 each; Paid up Capital, Tls. 500,000 or Tls. 200 per Share, and that the Committee be authorized to issue a prospectus inviting applications for Shares and to proceed with the allotment.

For Sale.
SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE, in 2 Volumes, by Revd. JUSTUS DOOLITTLE, is For Sale at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai. Price, \$5.00.
Hongkong, March 20, 1868. 20mar-69

FOR SALE.
A FEW Silicated CARBON FILTERS of various Sizes and Patterns.
Rip Showers BATHS.
RAY & Co.
Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

FROM FRENCH MAIL, "HOOGLY." A Small Invoice of ROQUEFORT CHEESE.
Apply to
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, June 29, 1868. 12jun

FOR SALE.
BEST Keeling COAL.
Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, June 15, 1868. 11

FOR SALE.
2 BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may be had at Wholesale Price.
Address "A." Office of this paper.
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

FOR SALE.
HOICE BALDWIN APPLES, \$5.60 PER DOZEN.
LEE HOUSE, Ju y 2nd, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ex "SCAWFELL." Bass's ALE in bottles, quarts.
Apply to
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, June 10, 1868. 19jul

FOR SALE.
Ex "ESTAFETTE" and other Articles, GENUINE A/FH GIN in red cases, 15 squares.
Genuine A/FH GIN, in white bottles. Palm-tree Brand GIN, in 15 squares. Dulch CURAOCOA, in stone bottles. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ex "FUSIYAMA," CHAMPAGNE CABINET, BOUTY, MOUSSEUX, CARTE BLANCHE in qts. \$18 per dozen; in pts. \$19 per case; in half-pis. 48 bottles each case at \$20 per case.
Apply to
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, June 29, 1868. 12jun

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
SALE OF ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SILVER PLATED WARE, ORGAN, PIANO, WATER COLOURS, &c., &c.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from the Trustees of Messrs Dent & Co.'s Estate to sell by Public Auction, in the Praya Premises lately occupied by that firm, on

Friday and Saturday, the 17th and 18th July 1868, Commencing each day at Noon—

The whole of the OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects contained in the three houses, comprising:—

Drawing and Dining Rooms: Mahogany and carved Walnut Note, Marble-top Tables, Chairs, Couches, Piano, Organ, Water Colours, Danubius Window Curtains, Cornices, Carpets, Rugs, Mirrors, Sideboard with Mirror back, Silver Plate, Glassware, Crockery, Plated Ware, &c., &c.

Bed Rooms: Desk, Tables, Copying Presses, Book and Stationery Stands, Clocks, Iron Safes, Maps, &c., &c.

Also.
One Thurston's Billiard TABLE complete.
Two 6-oared HOUSE-GIGS, with Awning etc.

One FIRE ENGINE.
One Double DOG-CART.
BULLS, COWS, and CALF.

Catalogues containing full particulars will shortly be issued. The whole to be on view from THURSDAY; and all lots bought on the first day to be cleared the following morning from 6 to 10 A.M.

The time at which the Office Furniture will be put up, the Catalogues will be notified.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, July 10, 1868. 18ju

WANTED.
WANTED, by a Gentleman of many years experience, EMPLOYMENT in a good Mercantile House, in China, or Japan.
Address H, office of this paper.
Hongkong, July 10, 1868. 1717

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 30th day of July current (both days included), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.
Y. KRESSER, Chief Manager.

FOR FRIGHT OR CHARTER.
The A 1 British ship "GEOLIGHT," CLARKE, Master, of 633 Tons Register, and 20,000 piculs carrying capacity.
Apply to
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, July 10, 1868.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
ON and after the 1st of July, one of the Company's Steamers will leave Hongkong for Canton every morning, at eight o'clock, and returning leave Canton at 12 o'clock. The service will be performed by three boats, however, instead of two, and one boat will always lay over a day in Hongkong for the convenience of shippers of freight.
By order of the Board of Directors,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, June 20, 1868.

LATEST SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
July 9, John & Mary, Brit. barque, 190, Gentry, Bombay via Singapore, May 26, and June 28, 896 bales Cotton and Sundries.—D. LAPRAIK & Co.
July 9, English-rt, N. Gern. sch., 184, Ballher, Amoy, July 2, 6,000 piculs Beans.—B. HUBER & Co.
July 10, Tientsin, from Whampoa.

CLEARED.
Friendship, for Ningpo, Monday, for Saigon.
Lucky, for Chiofo.
Evening Star, for Chiofo.
Hongkong, for Saigon.
Maria Luisa, for Saigon.
Ameline, for Whampoa.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British barque John & Mary, from Bombay via Singapore, reports fine weather and light southerly wind all the passage.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS will close:—
For MANILA, on Monday next, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW, on Monday next, at 11 a.m., on Monday next, the 18th instant.
For SHANGHAI, on Monday next, the 11th instant, at 11 a.m.
For SINGAPORE & BOMBAY, on Saturday, the 11th instant.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For Manila.—Per Pepita, on Monday next, the 13th instant.
For Swatow, Amoy and Fochow.—Per Abul, on Monday next, the 13th inst., at Noon.
For Shanghai.—Per Mona, to-morrow, the 11th instant, at Noon.
For Singapore and Bombay.—Per Shaftesbury, on Saturday Evening, the 11th inst.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 10th July, 1868.
OPIMUM.—Patna, New, \$697 1/2
Old, ... 620
Bombar, ... 600
Malwa, ... 600
COTTON.—BOMBAY, ... 16 1/2 a 20
Calcutta, ... 16 1/2 a 19

Exchange.
Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 4/6 1/2
Credits, ... 4/7 1/2
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 231 a 232
" Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 230
" Shanghai, 3 days' sight Bank, Tls. 73 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., 104 per cent. pre.
Sycee, ... 8 per cent. pre.
Mexicans, ... par.
Gold Leaf, ... 23 per cent.
Gold Bar, 99 touch, ... 22 1/2 p. d.
English Sovereigns, ... 4 1/2
Australian Sovereigns, ... 4 1/2
Discount, ... 9 a 12
S. & W. post dock, Old, 15 per cent. pm.
Do. do. New, 7 per cent. pm.
H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 21 per cent. pm.
Do. do. New, 3 1/2 p. c. pm.
Union Dock Shares, ... 1 1/2 discount.

Temperature.
HONGKONG, 10th July, 1868.
Barometer, ... 29.858 29.762
Attached Thermometer, ... 83 84
Dry Bulb, ... 88.0 86.0
Wet Bulb, ... 78.5 80.0
Maximum S. Rgr., ... 80.0
Minimum S. Rgr., ... 79.0
Max. Sun's Rays, ... 123
Minimum on Grass, ... 76.0
Fahrenheit's Rainfall, 0.00
24 hours, ... 0.00
Wind, ... N.W. 5.W.
Force, ... 3 2
Cloud, ... 5 6
Ozone, ... 4 3
Weather, ... Fine. Fine.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Our columns are open to all who wish to address the public on legitimate grounds, but we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.
All communications addressed to this paper must be accompanied by the name of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

NOTICE.—It is particularly requested that all communications relating to the general business of this paper be addressed to the Proprietor and in no case to individuals by name. Much delay and inconvenience in the transaction of business will thereby be avoided.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1868.

THE POST OFFICE.
The new system of sorting mails on board the steamers has come into operation so quietly that many of our readers are doubtless unaware of the change. The prompt delivery of the Shanghai mails upon the two last occasions has perhaps attracted sufficient notice to cause an expression of surprise, but the immense addition made to the public convenience has hardly been realized. The outgoing mail of this morning took with it the official despatch to act as "Marine Sorter" on board the outward-bound steamer due here from Singapore on the 26th instant, so that instead of the delay heretofore necessary in the distribution of letters and papers, we shall have the pleasure of knowing that the "second gun" heralds the speedy arrival of our home correspondence. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the Post Office officials in having thus abbreviated the nuisance of waiting for delivery. It may, and often does, matter very little that three or four hours are added to the six weeks which intervene between England and China, so far as our actual interests are concerned. But all residents in the East—especially if expecting news of importance—have realized the unsettled feeling which takes possession of the mind during the interval which elapses between the time when the signal gun has been fired and one knows that his letters are within a mile or so of their destination, and the hour when expectant coolies may crush towards the Post Office windows in keen competition for "my mass letters." Henceforth we shall be spared these hours of expectation.

The new book-post arrangement between the open ports is another facility due to the energy of the Colonial Postmaster General, and we can only hope that popular rumour is correct in crediting him with the endeavour to establish a similar facility between this Colony and Australia, as his efforts would most probably prove successful. The Money Order Office is another institution to the want of which frequent attention has been called, and regarding which representations have, we believe, already been made to the home Postal authorities. Facilities of this nature cannot be carried at by the least progressive of the residents in China. A submarine telegraph might break up the monopoly of obtaining early intelligence enjoyed by the great steamship-owning firms. But in postal matters, progress conduces to the benefit of the many without in any way learning the interests of the few; and we are sure that our readers will join us in congratulating ourselves that the Colonial post-office is not merely a non-obstructive institution, but actively progressive in its endeavours to meet the requirements of the foreign community in China and Japan.

LOCAL.
We learn from reliable sources that the following Tea Clippers passed Anjer

Insurance

INSURANCE

NOTICE.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Insurances:—

Not exceeding one month,	1/4 of the Annual
Above one month and not exceeding 3 months,	1/2 " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months,...	3/4 " "
Above 6 months,...	the full annual

TURNER & Agents.

Hongkong, April 13, 1866.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000, in 2,000 Shares of \$1,000 EACH.

\$100 per Share to be paid on Allotment
\$100 six months after Allotment

WITH reference to the following resolutions passed at a Meeting Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company held on the 8th inst. applications for Shares in the Hongkong Insurance Company, Limited will be called by the General Managers, if of application to be as follows:—

To the General Managers and Committee of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
GENTLEMEN,—

I request you to allot me One Thousand Dollars each in the named Company, subject to five Shares, or any less number which allotted to us, and to pay a Call of Hundred Dollars per Share on application and a further Call of One Hundred per Share, six months after allotment. I further undertake to subscribe to the said Settlement when called on to do so.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant

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RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

No. 1.

That the General Managers and Committee are hereby authorized to adopt measures for the reconstruction of the Company as the Hongkong Fire

No. 2.

That the General Managers and Com-
mittee are hereby requested to receive applications for Shares in the
Hong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.
and on the receipt of such applications
to the extent of One Thousand Shares
an Extraordinary General Meeting

purpose of authorizing its dissolution
the transfer of its assets and liabilities
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General Managers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company

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Hongkong, April 9, 1868.

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COMPANY.**

NOTICE

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Above 1 month and not exceeding three months,			
Above 3 mths and not exceeding six months,	{	2	" "

JARDINE, MATHESON &
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

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COMPANY.

NOTICE.

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 Above 1 month }

ceeding three months, } 2 " "

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Agents, Alliance Fire Assurance Co.

Hongkong, April 7, 1864.

MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
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the above Company, are prepared
Policies at Current Rates.

OLYPHANT
Hongkong, August 9 1887.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
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 Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

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Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
STEAMERS.				1868.			
Arratoon Apsar	W.C. Smith	Brit. str.	935	July	9 Gibb, Livingston & Co	Swatow, &c.	13th, noon
Azoff	W.C. Johnson	Brit. str.	700	July	8 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Chian Alpine	E. Hutchison	Brit. str.	949	June	6 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yuna & S. F. Sisco	16th instant
Colorado	W. Smith	Amer. str.	3717	July	6 Pacific Mail S. S. Co	Shanghai	
Ed King	W. Pinel	Brit. str.	1044	June	30 Aug. Heard & Co		
Formosa	W.C. Hookin	Brit. str.	700	July	5 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Fusiyama	W.C. Callaghan	Brit. str.	710	July	2 Douglas Lapraik & Co	Bombay	
Ganges	W.C. Bates	Brit. str.	1190	July	8 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Hoogly	W.C. Bovis	Fch. str.	1767	June	28 Messageries Impériales	Saigon, Suva, &c.	
Kah Ka Koo	W.C. Yeaton	Amer. str.	313	June	4 A. Heard & Co		
Mona	C.W. Morrison	Brit. str.	632	June	23 A. Heard & Co	Shanghai	
Reiver	E. Bolton	Brit. str.	777	July	6 Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Shafterbury	E. Aiken	Rams. str.	624	June	22 Landale & Co		
Yung-hai-an	W.C. Morrison	Amer. str.	1447	July	3 Russell & Co		

SAILING VESSELS.							
Amadine	E. Farrow	Brit. bk.	545	June	16 Borneo Company	Buenos Ayres	
Amazona	W. Bellstedt	N. Ger. bk.	218	July	7 Arnold Karberg & Co	Tientsin	
Anneta	W. Flaherty	Brit. bk.	336	June	22 Chinese	Touran	
Archer	W. Power	Amer. bk.	998	May	13 A. Heard & Co		
Australia	W. MacArthur	Brit. bk.	202	June	26 Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Berwickshire	W. Rowin	Brit. bk.	1111	July	7 Gilman & Co		
Candalaria	W. Larn	Span. bk.	407	June	7 Remedios & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	
Chow-sing-moon	E.C. Waterson	Brit. bk.	466	June	30 S. E. Burrows & Sons		
Chow Sze	W. Turor	Siam. bk.	468	June	22 Chinese		
Cintra	K. Pavacho	Port. bk.	352	May	8 Rozario & Co		
Conqueror	W. Minchaw	Siam. bk.	570	July	20 Chinese		
Cruiser	W. Bousmann	Amer. bk.	456	June	18 Chinese		
Cyclone	W. King	Amer. bk.	835	July	2 Order		
Daylight	W. Smith	Siam. bk.	360	May	12 Chinese		
Dolores Ugarte	K. Saul	Sal. bk.	800	June	27 Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Eliza Blanche	W. Owsen	Brit. bk.	170	July	4 Birley & Co	Foochow	
Esperanza	K. Onate	Span. bk.	1010	June	16 Royvnan Brothers & Co		
Evening Star	W. Young	Siam. bk.	412	June	16 Chinese		
Felix Bernabo	E. Cornillon	Fch. bk.	422	June	27 Carlowitz & Co		
Formosa	K. Paulsen	N. Ger. bk.	210	July	6 Bourjau, Hubner & Co		
Friendship	W. Kloudt	Siam. bk.	480	June	21 Chinese		
Fusiyama	W. Borup	Brit. bk.	556	June	18 Gibb, Livingston & Co	London	
Geologist	W.C. Clarke	Brit. bk.	853	July	6 Order		
Handy	W. Hansen	Siam. bk.	632	June	17 Chinese		
Henry Darling	W. Wibel	Brit. bk.	412	June	16 Chinese		
Henry Melville	W. Patridge	Brit. bk.	298	June	25 Chinese		
Hera	W. Buchholdt	Brit. bk.	570	July	8 Order	Bangkok	
Ile of Wight	W. Hapoth	Brit. bk.	1253	June	14 Borneo Company	Manila	
Johanne Marie	E. Schutt	Dan. bk.	332	July	7 Bourjau, Hubner & Co		
John Banfield	E. Johnston	Brit. bk.	828	June	6 Gibb, Livingston & Co	Iloilo	
Jubilee	W.C. Kerr	Brit. bk.	764	June	29 Borneo Company	Foochow	
Katinka	W. Ravenkildt	Siam. bk.	259	June	7 Chinese		
Kron Prentson	W. Bothen	Swed. bk.	719	July	4 A. Newton		
Lodore	W. Howat	Brit. bk.	859	July	6 Birley & Co		
Leon Leonie	W. Monset	Fch. bk.	200	June	12 Reynvaan, Brothers & Co		
Lucky	W. Loop	Siam. bk.	300	June	14 Chinese		
Madagascar	W. Protti	Aust. bk.	433	June	15 Melchers & Co	Saigon	
Manila	W. Chenwa	Siam. bk.	250	June	18 Chinese		
Maria Luisa	W. Aroste	Span. bk.	361	June	7 Captain		
Mary Mildred	W.C. Fine	Brit. bk.	465	June	14 Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Meteor	W. Petterson	Siam. bk.	395	June	18 Chinese		
Meteor	W. Verney	Brit. bk.	279	July	3 Russell & Co		
Milton	W. Smith	Brit. bk.	1233	July	3 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Mindoro	W. Allen	Amer. bk.	996	June	14 A. Heard & Co		
Moonlight	W. Jorgensen	Siam. bk.	647	June	15 Chinese		
Mystic Belle	W. Burnham	Amer. bk.	764	July	6 Russell & Co		
Niagara	K. Marie	Fch. bk.	726	June	20 Chinese		
Nuevo Constante	W. Fabie	Span. bk.	203	June	21 Remedios & Co		
Nuquau	K. Hager	Haya. bk.	160	July	2 Melchers & Co		
Ocean Bride	K. Milton	Brit. bk.	261	June	27 Melchers & Co		
Orpheus	F. Crowell	Amer. bk.	1007	May	8 A. Heard & Co	Saigon	
Otto & Antonie	E. Simonson	N. Ger. bk.	1337	June	18 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Pantalon	K. Pag	Duk. bk.	299	June	18 E. Schellhaas & Co	Saigon	
Pangon	W. Wichers	Siam. bk.	737	June	21 Chinese		
Pekin	W. Seymour	Amer. bk.	596	July	20 Oliphant & Co	San Francisco	Immediate
Pepita	W.C. Olibaris	Span. bk.	266	May	7 Remedios & Co	Manila	13th instant
Peter Rickmers	W. Meyer	N. Ger. bk.	700	June	15 Melchers & Co	Hamburg	
Piedola	W. Kroll	N. Ger. bk.	344	June	27 Simonson & Co	Tientsin	
Princess Serafin	W. Kofod	Siam. bk.	404	June	18 Chinese		
Prosperity	W. Vorrath	Siam. bk.	604	June	18 Chinese		
Red Riding Hood	W. Henderson	Brit. bk.	726	June	18 Jardine, Matheson & Co	Foochow	
Resolution	W. Garnier	Siam. bk.	880	June	23 Chinese		
Richard S. Ely	W. Lombard	Amer. bk.	1200	June	15 Captain	San Francisco	
Sampson	K. Rossmussen	N. Ger. bk.	297	July	1 Wm. Pustau & Co	Foochow	
San Lorenzo	W.C. Ledema	Span. bk.	220	July	3 Remedios & Co		
Santa Ana	W. Lavoit	Span. bk.	427	June	14 Remedios & Co		
Seaford	W. Jones	Siam. bk.	311	June	18 Chinese		
Seaman's Bride	W. Anderson	Siam. bk.	314	June	18 Chinese		
Sunshine	W. Martin	Brit. bk.	225	day	18 Russell & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	13th
Tayvat	W. Meyer	Siam. bk.	654	July	2 Chinese		
Tycoon	W. Whittier	Brit. bk.	352	June	18 Gibb, Livingston & Co	Foochow	
Tyolung	W. Wieso	Siam. bk.	472	July	7 Chinese		
Uncowah	K. Prudano	Salv. bk.	996	June	14 Captain		
Walter	W. Wetherpoon	Siam. bk.	237	June	18 Chinese		
Water Lily	E. Winkman	Brit. bk.	140	May	20 Chinese		
Waverley	W.C. Forsyth	Brit. bk.	215	June	6 Gibb, Livingston & Co	Bangkok	
West Australian	W. Luke	Brit. bk.	599	July	2 Norwidge & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	
William Fruting	K. Chevalier	Brit. bk.	599	June	17 R. S. Walker & Co	San Francisco	
Windward	W. Barrett	Amer. bk.	784	June	29 Oliphant & Co		
Witch of the Wave	W. Bachelder	Amer. bk.	1020	July	4 Captain		
Yokohama	W. Paul	Amer. bk.	431	June	8 Smith, Archer & Co		

WHAMPOA.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Avonvale	Ogilvie	Brit. bk.	306	June	1 Borneo Company	Europe	Immediate
Caroline	N. Ger. bk.	427	July	6 Bourjau, Hubner & Co			
Dumail	Phompson	Brit. bk.	771	June	21 Chinese	London	
Engle	Kramer	Brit. bk.	345	June	8 Chinese		
Edith Haviland	Carpenter	Brit. bk.	263	July	9 Gibb, Livingston & Co	Liverpool	
Flying Cloud	Orquhart	Brit. bk.	235	July	7 Oliphant & Co	Chefoo	
Pung Shney	Watson	Amer. str.	740	July	4 Wm. Pustau & Co	Shanghai	
Hermann & Emma	Lawson	N. Ger. bk.	702	July	4 Wm. Pustau & Co	Tientsin	
Joseph & Joseph	Castro	Fch. bk.	156	July	2 Thomas Howard		
Joseph Humbro	Moller	Dan. bk.	628	July	7 Borneo Company	Hamburg	
Mary Louise Antoinette	Muysson	Dut. bk.	280	July	2 Order		
Nanny Bryson	Thorne	Brit. bk.	605	June	10 Oliphant & Co	London	
Neville	Jackson	Brit. bk.	718	June	14 Turner & Co		
Parejero	King	Brit. bk.	362	July	10 Gifford & Co		
Titana	Clark	Fch. str.	605	June	27 A. Heard & Co	Shanghai, &c.	

VESSELS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Consignees.	Intended Despatch.
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS.				
CHEFOO	Plying Cloud	Br. bk.	Grun & Co	
FOOCHOW	Eliza Blanche	Br. bk.	Birley & Co	
Do.	Jubilee	Br. bk.	Borneo Company	
Do.	Lodoro	Br. bk.	Birley & Co	
Do.	Red R. Hood	Br. bk.	Jardine, M. & Co	
Do.	Sampson	N. G. bk.	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Do.	Tycoon	Br. bk.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
SHANGHAI	Titana	Fr. str.	A. Heard & Co	
TIENTSIN	Amazona	N. G. bk.	Arnhold Karberg & Co	
Do.	J. & Joseph	Fr. bk.	Thomas Howard	
Do.	Piedola	Ger. bk.	Siemssen & Co	
OTHER PORTS.				
BANGKOK	Hera	Br. str.	Order	
Do.	W. Australian	Br. bk.	Norwidge & Co	
BOMBAY	Fusiyama	Br. str.	D. Lapraik & Co	
BUENOS AYRES	Amadine	Br. bk.	Borneo Company	
CALLAO	H. & Emma	Ger. bk.	Wm. Pustau & Co	
HAMBURG	P. Rickmers	Ger. bk.	Melchers & Co	
Do.	M. L. Ant.	Dan. bk.	Order	
ILOILO	John Banfield	Br. bk.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
LIVERPOOL	E. Hayland	Br. bk.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
LONDON	N. Brysson	Br. bk.	Oliphant & Co	
Do.	Dumail	Br. bk.	Gilman & Co	
Do.	Fusiyama	Br. bk.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
MANILA	Isle of Wight	Sp. bk.	Borneo Company	
Do.	Pepita	Sp. bk.	Remedios & Co	
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Sunshine	Br. bk.	Russell & Co	13th
Do.	Wm. Fruting	Br. bk.	R. S. Walker & Co	13th
Do.	Capsingmoon	Br. bk.	S. E. Burrows & Sons	
SAIGON	Madagascar	Au. bk.	Melchers & Co	
Do.	O. & Antonie	N. G. bk.	P. & O. Co	
Do.	Pantalon	Dan. bk.	E. Schellhaas & Co	
SAN FRANCISCO	Pekin	Amer. bk.	Oliphant & Co	
Do.	Windward	Amer. bk.	Oliphant & Co	
Do.	E. S. Ely	Amer. bk.	Captain	
EUROPE	Caroline	N. G. bk.	Bourjau Hubner & Co	
YAMA & SAN FOISCO	Colorado	Amer. str.	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	

* At Whampoa.

† At Canton.

MEN-OF-WAR IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Name.	Flag.	Rig.	Guns.	Tons.	Captain.
Algerine,	British	gun-boat	3	290	C. E. Donville, Lieut.
Cockchafer	British	gun-boat	—	230	Kerr,
Drake	British	gun-boat	3	—	O. Crowdy, Lieut.
Tee-joong	Chinese	gun-boat	5	—	Edwards
Flamer	British	naval hospital	—	—	Attached to Malville
Melville	British	naval hospital	—	—	R. Bernard, D.M.I.G. &c.
Patino	Spanish	steamer	—	1200	Patero